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SUBJECT GENERAL Operational/UBOOVY
SPECIFIC Name Traces on Dr. Leopold VOLLER, & Dr. Leopold WALTER,
& Franz KAUFMANN

Reference: RAVA 1610

1. In addition to the material cited by Greenhouse 1 in reference, Headquarters files contained information on VOLLER as a list of informants dropped by various Intelligence Agencies in the U.S. Zone of Germany and Austria. This list, NSHA 13906 dated 10 December 1951, (originating from the European Headquarters Command) indicated that Leopold VOLLER, born 12 October 1911, of Austrian nationality, last known address - SALZBURG, Salzburg, 16, was dropped as of 15 August because of ineptitude.

2. At the risk of some duplication of data already in your files, we include the following traces for your information only:

a. MGLA 2272, 11 June 1950, OFFSPRING/CEASE

USAGE submitted the following information on Dr. Leopold VOLLER, which traced his history up to January 1950. It appears that for an unspecified time until the beginning of 1948, subject worked under cover number C-50, as a sub-source of C-1 (possibly Wilfrid WISCHMANN). Around 1 January 1948 he became a source of CIC, Salzburg. While operating from Salzburg, Dr. VOLLER was suspected in connection with a documentation fraud and was arrested by the Austrian Police in FELDKIRCH, along with one Wolfgang Emanuel von ROTHEBURG, who was arrested on phony uranium deal and swindle. During ROTHEBURG's interrogation he stated that Dr. VOLLER in recent years had interrogated POW's for the benefit of the U.S.A. While under arrest, VOLLER told the Austrian Police of his U.S. Intelligence connections, and his subsequent release was allegedly brought about through the auspices of CIC, Salzburg. In January 1950, VOLLER informed C-1 that he was in direct contact with OFFSPRING and that he had received hinting promises for the placing of his presumed

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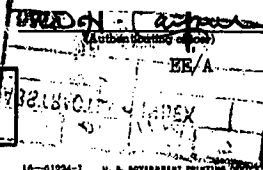
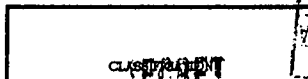
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a "strong" intelligence organization, which he claimed to have available which specialized in collecting Communist information, influencing its activities by so doing, engaging in direct counter-intelligence, doing extensive work against the Communist Party, splitting the Communist Party and influencing the press.

b. HILA 2198, 5 July 1950

As of 26 June 1950, OFFERING refuted VILLER's statement of contact and stated that VILLER was not nor ever had been a part of his operations. The USARV's analysis of the Austrian IS plebiscite, (HILA 1806, 23 March 1950) stated that Dr. Leopold VILLER was a journalist, not an agent for different intelligence agencies. VILLER visited VILLER as coming under categories 5 and 3, i.e., competitive and/or enemy personnel, or individuals personally connected from time to time either for formulating opinions or working or establishing intelligence information.

c. HILA 3988, 9 November 1950

A reorganization of VILLER's agent numbering system indicated that VILLER was an active part of VILLER's operations. He was designated as number 75-6.

d. HIL 1095, 10 April 1951; HIL 1187, 27 April 1951, both Databases 15
VILLER working for CIC Salzburg, on project GRAND RAPIDS.

3. Listing of alternate names of Leopold VILLER, and Franz KURZWEIL revealed no identifiable pertinent information. However a SERIF card report indicated that one VILLER, a 4042, was a member of the SS Berlin (March 44). He was sent to Denmark to instruct Danish bands in sabotage. (Z-451, 17 May 1945) indicated that Undersecretary VILLER, in Copenhagen, worked with a German officer from the sabotage section in Berlin.

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